Railway works in Telengana and Rayalaseema Region

1165. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of the ongoing railway works in the Telengana and Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the steps porposed to increase the plan funds to quicken the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) the details of new lines, gauge conversion and doubling projects in the Telangana and Rayalseema regions of Andhra Pradesh are given as under:—

	Name of Project	Region	Present Status
NEW LINES			
(i)	Nandyal-Yerraguntla	Rayalaseema	This is an ongoing work for which Final Location Survey has been completed. Land acquisition papers and plans are under preparation. The work is presently targetted for completion in the Tenth Plan period, subject to availability of resources.
(ii)	Peddapalli-Karimnagar-Nizamabad	Telangana	The work has been undertaken in phases. In the first phase between Peddapalli and Karimnagar earthwork and work on bridges is in progress. This phase is presently targetted for completion within the 9th Plan. Work on the second phase of the line from Karimnagar to Nizamabad will be taken up after completing the first phase.
(iii)	Macherla-Nalgonda-Raichur	Telangana	The work has been included in the Supplementary Demands for Grants, 1997-98 and will be taken up after the requisite clearances have been obtained.
GAUGE CONVERSION			
(i)	Guntur-Guntakal & Guntakal-Kalluru with lifting of Kalluru-Dharmavaram	Rayalaseema	The gauge conversion of Guntur-Guntakal section has been completed. Land acquisition proceedings for new line portion from Pendekallu-Gooty are in progress and work will be started once land becomes available. Work on Kalluru-dharmavaram will be taken up alongwith Dharmavaram-Pakala in due course.
(ii)	Katpadi-Pakala-Tirupati	Rayalaseema	Work is making good progress and the section is presently targetted for completion in December, 2000, subject to availability of resources.
(iii)	Dharmavaram-Pakala	Rayalaseema	The work would be taken up after the requisite clearances have been obtained.

	Name of Project	Region	Present Status
(iv)	Mudkhed-Adilabad	Telangana	Work has been taken up under the Build-Own-Lease-Transfer (BOLT) Scheme and is expected to be completed in about one year's time from now.
(v)	Secundera-bad-Drona-chellam and secundera-bad-Bolarum	Telangana	Work has been completed on 31-3-98 and section commission to traffic.
(vi)	Secundera-bad-Mudkhed & Jankampet-Bodhan	Telangana	The requisite clearances for this work have been obtained. Preliminary arrangements for commencing the work are on hand.
DOUBLINGS			
(i)	Vikarabad-Tandur	Telangana	Tandur-Rukmapur section completed. Work is presently in progress between Rukmapur and Vikarabad and is presently targetted for completion by March, 2000, subject to availability of resources.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 121.60 crores has been provided for the above mentioned works in Budget, 1998-99, which is considered adequate to match the planned work content of these projects.

भागलपुर से रायपुर तक नई रेल लाइन

1166. **श्री जनार्दन यादव:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भागलपुर से रायपुर बरास्ता दुमका नई रेल लाइन बिछाने के लिये स्वीकृति दे दी गई है;

(ख) क्या उक्त रेल-लाइनें बिछाने के लिये पिछले रेल बजट में 110 करोड़ रुपए की धनराशि आबंटित की गई है;

(ग) उक्त परियोजना को कब तक पूरा कर लिया जाना निर्धारित है; और

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि इस परियोजना पर कार्य अब तक प्रारम्भ भी नहीं हुआ है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं 1997-98 में इस लाइन के लिये 5 करोड़ रुपए आबंटित किये गये थे।

(ग) अभी तक कोई लक्ष्य तिथि निर्धारित नहीं की गई है।

(घ) अंतिम स्थान निर्धारण सर्वेक्षण और भूमि अधिग्रहण संबंधी कार्य प्रगति पर है। भूमि उपलब्ध होने के बाद वास्तविक कार्य शुरू किया जाएगा।

Punctuality of Trains in Andhra Pradesh

1167. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trains are not running punctually in South Central Railways;

(b) the reason for such non-punctuality in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether trains like Link Express (Delhi to Visakhapatnam) are delayed frequantly;